

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 7, 10, and 11 and AMEND claim 4 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
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4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a light guide plate having an incidence end surface, an exiting surface and an incline surface inclined so that the light guide plate gradually decreasing-decreases away from the incidence end surface in thickness;

a reflecting sheet disposed along the inclined surface of the light guide plate;

a primary light source supplying illumination light to said light guide plate from said incidence end surface, the supplied light being deflected in the light guide plate and emitted from the exiting surface of the light guide plate; and

a light control element disposed along the exiting surface of said light guide plate, the light control element extending in a plane, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface adjacent to said light guide plate, and having a light emitting side, spaced from the light entrance side,

said prismatic surface having repeated projections, with slopes each having first and second slopes inclined with respect to the plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes said first slopes being directed to said incidence end face of the light guide plate and said second slopes being directed oppositely to said incidence end face of the light guide plate,

wherein only the second slopes defining a light diffusible surface to generate diffused light while when the light emanating from the light guide plate is radiating within incident to said second slope after traveling into the said light control element, from the light entrance side towards the light emitting side, such that a surface of the light emitting side is illuminated in a substantially uniform manner, reducing light effects of the reflecting sheet and preventing the light emanating from the light guide plate from being scattered before traveling into said light control element.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A surface light source device of side light type according to claim 4, wherein said projections extend in one common direction and are repeatedly arranged in a direction perpendicularly to said one common direction, each of said projections having a substantially triangular cross section.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A surface light source device of side light type according to claim 4, wherein said light diffusible surface is a rough surface.

7-8. (CANCELLED)

9. (ORIGINAL) A surface light source device of side light type according to claim 5, wherein said light diffusible surface is a rough surface.

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